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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5864**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Eide and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to kindergarten transition plans; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall work with the  
7 department of early learning to develop kindergarten transition plans.  
8 This shall include creating the format and content of the plans and  
9 developing training for using the plans.

10 (2) The purpose of the kindergarten transition plans is to help  
11 kindergarten teachers, parents, and early learning providers work  
12 together to understand and plan for the social and academic development  
13 of kindergarten students. The plans shall be based upon research that  
14 acknowledges all aspects of development, including cultural differences  
15 among children. The plans shall help support the smooth transitions  
16 from early learning to kindergarten. The plans shall be developed to  
17 be used by parents, early learning and child care providers,  
18 preschools, and kindergartens.

1 (3) The plans shall be developed for use, to the extent possible,  
2 beginning in September of 2007. The plans may initially be implemented  
3 in demonstration sites under the private-public partnership in RCW  
4 43.215.070, in schools receiving state support for all-day  
5 kindergarten, and in primary-level demonstration projects.

6 (4) Kindergarten transition plans shall be implemented in public  
7 school districts across the state not later than the 2009-10 school  
8 year and shall also be available for voluntary use in child care,  
9 preschool, and other early learning programs.

10 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall seek input on  
11 the development of the plans from the same categories of people who  
12 were on the Washington early learning council or would be on an early  
13 learning advisory council created during the 2007 legislative session,  
14 and other representatives from the K-12 community.

15 (6) By December 31, 2008, the superintendent of public instruction,  
16 working with the department of early learning and the private-public  
17 partnership in RCW 43.215.070, shall report its findings and  
18 recommendations for statewide implementation to the education  
19 committees of the legislature.

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